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1. UPPER HOUSE CANDIDATES WHO ARE PROTESTING ALLEGED UNFAIR GVN ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN UPPER HOUSE LISTS HAVE NOT YET ISSUED COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO VNQDD CANDIDATE NGUYEN TUONG BA, PROTEST COMMUNIQUE IS NOW BEING DRAFTED BY NGUYEN NGOC HUY AND WILL PROBABLY NOT APPPEAR BEFORE AFTERNOON AUGUST 31.

2. BA BELIEVES COMMUNIQUE WILL 1) DENOUNCE "SABOTAGE" OF

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AUGUST 29 MEETING AT DIEN HONG HALL (BA CLAIMS THAT UPPER

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HOUSE SLATES ACCUSED OF RECEIVING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
PACKED DIEN HONG WITH R
LDIES TO DISRUPT THE PROCEEDINGS; HE
ALSO OMAMES AUTHORITIES FOR FACT THAT ELECTRPWITY WAS SHUT
OFF BRIEFLY); 2) PROTEST GVN ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF CERTAIN
UPPER HOUSE SLATEYEIE.G. 2, 4, 5, 10, 30 AND 32); WAND DECLARE
THAT GVN IS INCAPABLE OF ORGANIZING FAIR ELECTION; AND 3)
PRESENT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF GVN INTERFERENCE IN UPPER
HOUSE ELECTION. BA SAID COMMUNIQUE WILL BEAR SIGNATURES
OF

PRESENTATIVES OF PERHAPS THIRTY UPPER HOUSE SLATES.

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UMAN OF UPPER HOUSE CENTRAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
CLAIMS NO MORE THAN TEN SLATES A
F INVOLVED IN WRITING COMMUNIQUE).

3. ACCORDING TO BA, GVN SUPPORT FOR LISTS 2, 4, 5, 8, 30
ETD \$ COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED FAIRNESS OF UPPER HOUSE
ELECTION. HOWEVER, R SINCE HE AND OTHERS RAISED THEIR VOICES,
THAT "ILLEGAL" SUPPORT HAS DIMINISHED. PE NOW BELIEVES UPPER
HOUSE ELECTION WILL BE "RELALVVELY FAIR", AND HE EXPECTS TO WIN.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT COMMUNIQUE TO HAVE ANY SIG-
NIFICANT IMPACT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE SENATE RACE NOR DO WE
BELIEVE ANY SLATES ARE NOW SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL.

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BECAUSE OF ALLEGED GVN SUPPORT TO SIX SELECTED SLATES.
RKOMMUNIQUE WILL LAY FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE SPATE OF POST
ELECTION COMPLAINTS BY DEFEATED SLATES, HOWEVER.

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